


Architectural / Historical Inventory
Fitchburg

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Old Princeton Road



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MHC Photo no.

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address Old Princeton Rd.

Name James River Fitchburg

Present use Industry, paper manufacturing

Present owner James River Fitchburg

3. Description:

Date c. 1851 - present

Source p. B-3 Sentinel, 20 Dec. 1938

Style Varies

Architect

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) Various separate buildings

Other features Old stone dam

Altered Yes Date Many Times

Moved No Date

5. Lot size:

One acre or less Over one acre 123+ ac.

Approximate frontage Extensive Frontage

Approximate distance of building from street

Varies

Bill Chittick and

6. Recorded by Frank Garretson

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Date March 1977

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Alvah Crocker and Edwin Upton

Original use Mill

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration/	_____	Science/	_____
The Arts	_____	settlement	_____	invention	_____
Commerce	_____	Industry	<u>x</u>	Social/	_____
Communication	_____	Military	_____	humanitarian	_____
Community development	<u>x</u>	Political	_____	Transportation	_____

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This was known as the Upper Mill and later as the Brick Mill. It was built by Alvah Crocker and Edwin Upton. Alvah Crocker was a leader in the development, growth, and prosperity of Fitchburg. A small community known as Brick Mill developed around this mill. The mill is sometimes called Mill #1.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

p. B-3 Sentinel, 20 December 1938

p. 39 Sentinel, 23 March 1912

p. 15 Sentinel, 18 June 1892 (engraving)

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Form 501

Princeton Road



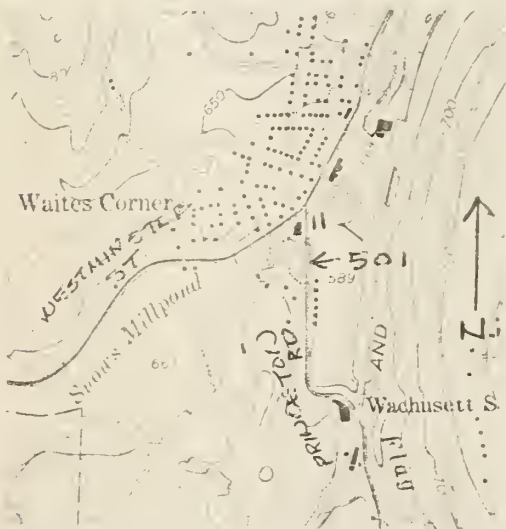
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1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts
Address Princeton Road
Name Stone Mill, Mill #2
Present use Vacant
Present owner James River Massachusetts
3. Description:
Date 1854
Source Photo album of Barbara Crocker
Style Mill, Mid 19th Century
Architect _____
Exterior wall fabric Stone, brick, wood
Outbuildings (describe) All attached
Other features Excellent composition
of buildings
Altered _____ Date _____
Moved No Date _____
5. Lot size
One acre or less Over one acre x
Approximate frontage 800'+
Approximate distance of building from street
0'
Bill Chittick and
6. Recorded by Frank Garretson
Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.
Date March 1977

7. Original owner (if known) S.A. Wheeler, Joel Ames, and Alvah Crocker

Original use Mill

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration,	_____	Science/	_____
The Arts	_____	settlement	_____	invention	_____
Commerce	_____	Industry	<u>x</u>	Social	_____
Communication	_____	Military	_____	humanitarian	_____
Community development	<u>x</u>	Political	_____	Transportation	_____

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This is the only remaining stone mill in the City. The composition of buildings and spaces is very attractive.

This was built in 1854, one half was owned by Samuel A. Wheeler and Joel Ames and the other half by Alvah Crocker. Crocker Burbank, Co. bought the mill in 1864.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

p. 14 Sentinel, 13 June 1892

P. B-3 Sentinel, 20 December 1938

p. 16-17, Sentinel, 23 March 1912

p. 483, 489, History of Worcester Co. Mass., 2 vols. Boston. C.F. Jewett & Co. 1879

p. 181-187, Fitchburg, Mass., Past and Present, William A. Emerson, Blanchard and Brown Press, 1887

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Westminster Street



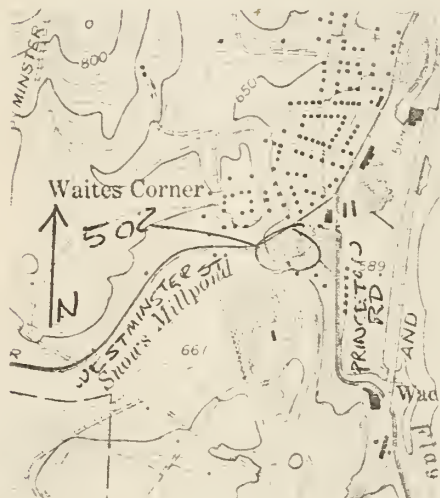
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MHC Photo no. _____

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address Westminster Street

Name Mill #3, Casade Mill

Present use Mill

Present owner James River Massachusetts

3. Description:

Date Varies

Source _____

Style Industrial

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Brick, aluminum, wood,
concrete, etc.

Outbuildings (describe) Many separate build-
ings

Other features _____

Altered Yes Date many times

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre x

Approximate frontage 900'+

Approximate distance of building from street

Varies

Bill Chittick and

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Date March 1977

7. Original owner (if known) Probably Crocker Burbank, Co.

Original use Mill

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration	_____	Science/	_____
The Arts	_____	settlement	_____	invention	_____
Commerce	_____	Industry	<u>x</u>	Social,	_____
Communication	_____	Military	_____	humanitarian	_____
Community development	<u>x</u>	Political	_____	Transportation	_____

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This was one of the Crocker Burbank, Co. Mills.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

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Westminster Street



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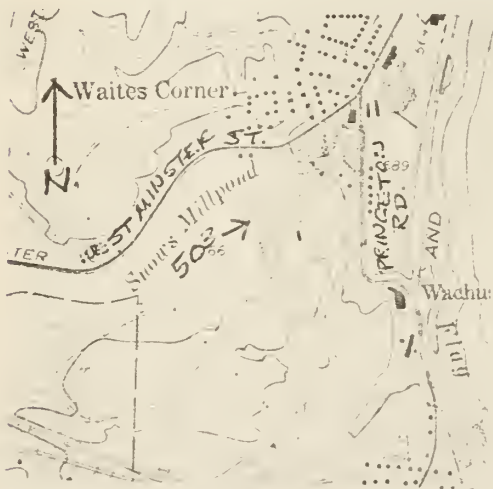
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other buildings. Indicate north.



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MHC Photo no. _____

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address Westminster St.

Name Snow Mill, Mill #8

Present use Mill, paper manufacturer

Present owner James River Massachusetts

3. Description:

Date Varies, mostly c. 1900

Source Style

Style Industrial

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Brick, part metal

Outbuildings (describe) Sheds, etc.

Other features Stone dam, rural setting

Altered Yes Date many times

Moved No Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre x

Approximate frontage unknown

Approximate distance of building from street

Not near the street

Bill Chittick and

6. Recorded by Frank Garretson

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Date March 1977

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) S.S. Crocker

Original use Mill

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	x	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	x	Exploration/	_____	Science/	_____
The Arts	_____	settlement	_____	invention	_____
Commerce	_____	Industry	x	Social/	_____
Communication	_____	Military	_____	humanitarian	_____
Community development	x	Political	_____	Transportation	_____

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Snow Mill was originally built in 1839 by Samuel S. Crocker and was sold to Benjamin Snow Jr. in 1847. Crocker-Burbank, Co. bought the Mill in 1862. In about 1960 Weyerhaeuser Co. bought the mill and in the 1970's it was sold to James River Massachusetts. The main mill building, c. 1900, is very large, the largest in Fitchburg It has interesting design and brickwork and an attractive site.

10. Bibliography and or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

p. B-3 Sentinel, ²⁰ December 1938

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545 Westminster Street and Princeton Road



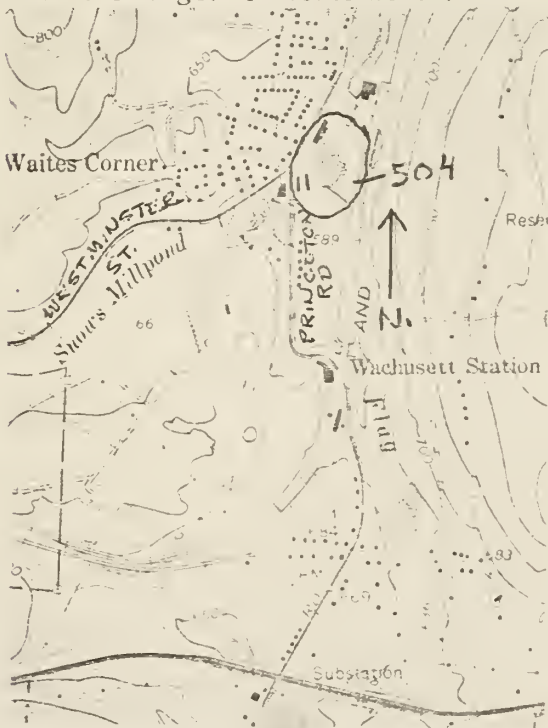
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MHC Photo no. _____

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts
Address 545 Westminster St. and Princeton Road
Name Mill #7
Present use Industrial, part vacant
Present owner Weyerhaeuser
3. Description:
Date 1860 - 1960's
Source Style
Style Industrial
Architect _____
Exterior wall fabric Brick, etc.
Outbuildings (describe) Various buildings
Other features _____
Altered Yes Date many times
Moved _____ Date _____
5. Lot size:
One acre or less _____ Over one acre 13 ac.
Approximate frontage Extensive
Approximate distance of building from street Varies
Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson
6. Recorded by _____
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Date March 1977

7. Original owner (if known) Crocker Burbank (?)

Original use Paper Mill

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration/	_____	Science/	_____
The Arts	_____	settlement	_____	invention	_____
Commerce	_____	Industry	<u>x</u>	Social/	_____
Communication	_____	Military	_____	humanitarian	_____
Community development	<u>x</u>	Political	_____	Transportation	_____

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This was one of the Crocker Burbank Co.'s major mills. The building is very large with many additions and alterations.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

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Form 505

Westminster Street



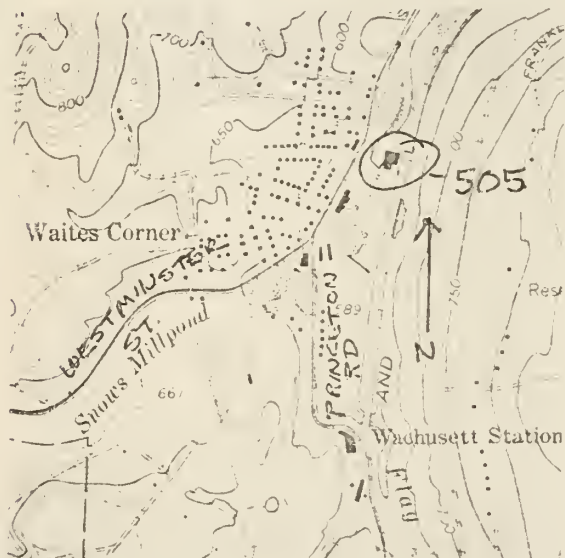
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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
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other buildings. Indicate north.



1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address Westminister St.

Name Steam Plant

Present use Steam Plant

Present owner Fitchburg Paper Co.

3. Description:

Date 1928

Source date on building

Style classical details

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Brick with limestone trim

Outbuildings (describe) Tressle, hopper, sheds

Other features Tall smoke stack

Altered No Date _____

Moved No Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre x

Approximate frontage ?

Approximate distance of building from street

300'+

Bill Chittick and

6. Recorded by Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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7. Original owner (if known) Crocker Burbank, Co.
 Original use Steam Plant
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u> x </u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	<u> x </u>	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

The style of this building is classically influenced. It is a very attractive industrial building.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

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236 Westminster Street at Temple Street



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506

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 236 Westminster St. at Temple St.

Name Hanna Mill

Present use Vacant, for sale

Present owner Guaranty Bank & Trust Co.

3. Description:

Date 1852, 1974

Source B. B-3 Sentinel, 20 December 1938

Style _____

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features New concrete block

addition

Altered Yes Date 1974

Moved No Date _____

5. Lot size

2,249 ac.

One acre or less _____ Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 800'+

Approximate distance of building from street

0'

Bill Chittick and

6. Recorded by Frank Garretson

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Date March 1977

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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
in relation to nearest cross streets and
other buildings. Indicate north.



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MHC Photo no. _____

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7. Original owner (if known) George and Joe Brown
Original use Mill
Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	<u>x</u>	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	<u>x</u>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This was built by George and Joseph Brown and became the property of Samuel Hanna before Crocker/Burbank, Co. purchased it in 1860.

A raceway runs under the mill.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

p. B-3 Sentinel, 20 December 1938

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Simonds Road



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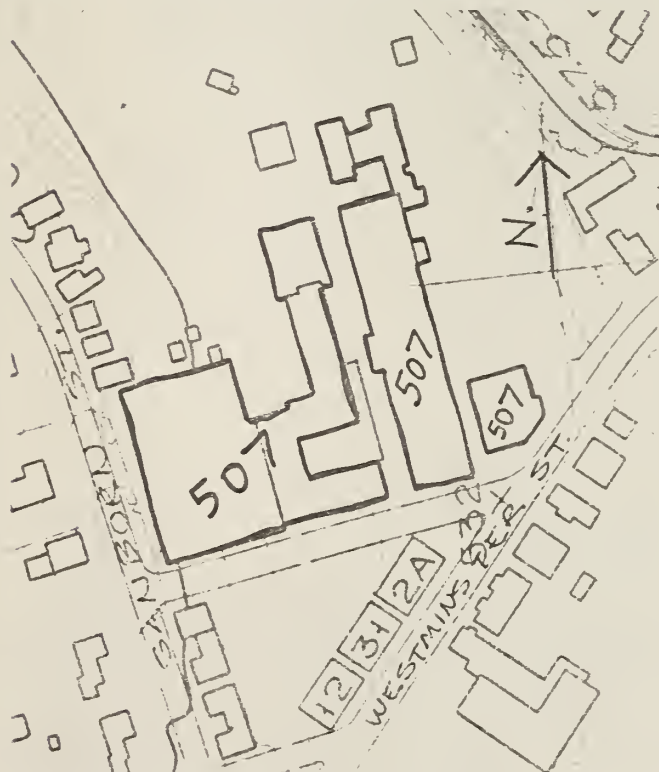
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1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts
Address Simonds Road
Name Beoli Mill
Present use Godroy Wholesale, Warehouse #13
and British American Club
Godin Realto Co., Inc., and
Present owner Fred Santagata, and
British American Club

3. Description:

Date 1864 and later
Source p. 12, Fitchburg of To-Day, 1894
Style Industrial

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
in relation to nearest cross streets and



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MHC Photo no. _____

- Altered x Date various dates
Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre 5+ac.
Approximate frontage Extensive
Approximate distance of building from street

0'

- Recorded by Bill Chittick and
Frank Garretson
Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.
Date March 1977

NOTE: Much of this complex
of buildings ^{was} ~~were~~ des-
troyed in a fire, March
1977

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Edward M. Rockwell and James Phillips, Jr. (?)

Original use Mill

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	<u>x</u>	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	<u>x</u>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

The Beoli Mill was founded in 1871 by Edward M. Rockwell and James Phillips, Jr. It was purchased by the American Woolen Co. in 1898. In 1912, about one million yards of fine worsted were produced a year.

The setting of these buildings is very attractive.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

p. 27, Sentinel, 23 March 1912
p. 12, Fitchburg of To-Day, 1894
p. 55, Fitchburg, Mass in 1901
p. 70, Fitchburg of To-Day, 1894
p. 46, Sentinel, 18 June 1892

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Area E

Form 508

Depot Street



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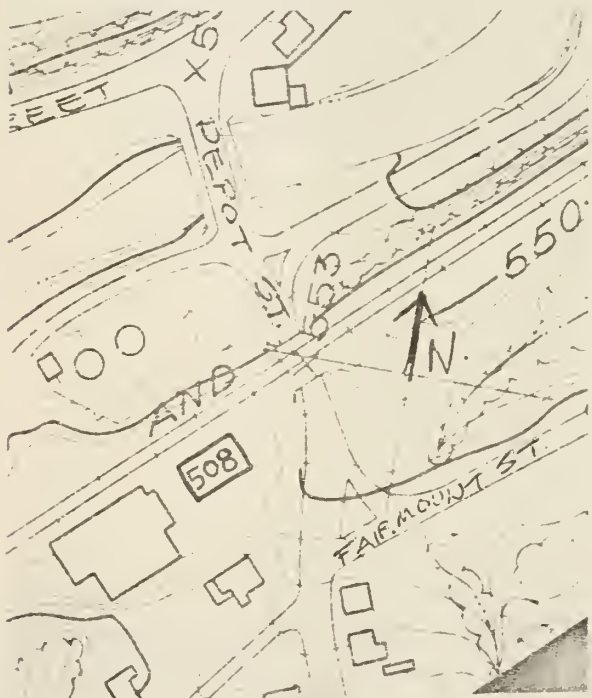
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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



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USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address Depot Street

Name Depot St. Station

Present use Vacant

Present owner Fitchburg Paper Co.

3. Description:

Date c. 1860

Source Style

Style Mid 19th cent. vernacular Depot

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features _____

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

13,695 sq. ft.

One acre or less _____ Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 120'

Approximate distance of building from street

35'

Bill Chittick and

6. Recorded by Frank Garretson

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Date March 1977

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use _____ Station _____

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____ Warehouse _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u> x </u>	Exploration/	_____	Science/	_____
The Arts	_____	settlement	_____	invention	_____
Commerce	_____	Industry	_____	Social/	_____
Communication	_____	Military	_____	humanitarian	_____
Community development	<u> x </u>	Political	_____	Transportation	_____

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Fitchburg's growth was in large part due to the railroads. This is the only remaining station in Fitchburg. It is a plain but attractive building.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

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Depot Street, River Street



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1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address Depot St., River St.

Name Fitchburg Paper Co.

Present use Mill (paper)

Present owner Litton Ind.

3. Description:

Date c. 1900

Source Style

Style Industrial

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Brick, etc.

Outbuildings (describe) Various

Other features Tall smoke stack,
rail tressle, dam

Altered Yes Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre 22+

Approximate frontage _____

Approximate distance of building from street

Varies, not close to roads

Bill Chittick and

6. Recorded by Frank Garretson

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MHC Photo no. _____

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Fitchburg Paper Co.
 Original use Paper Mill
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	<u>x</u>	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	<u>x</u>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Fitchburg Paper Co. ~~was~~ one of Fitchburg's major industries.

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10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

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River Street



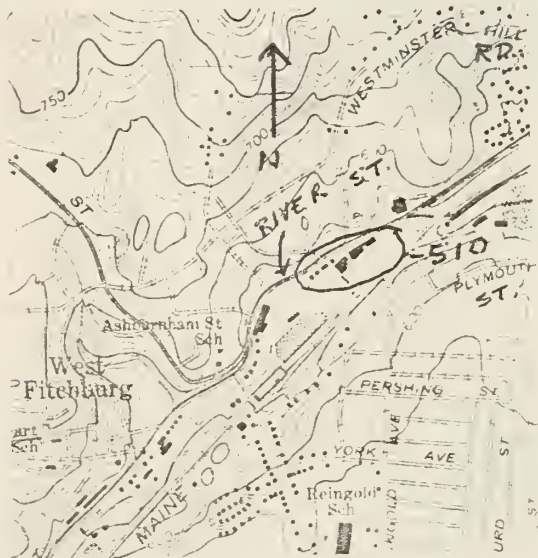
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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



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USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address River St.

Name Litton Industries/Fitchburg Paper Co.

Present use Mill (paper)

Present owner Litton Ind.

3. Description:

Date 1878, etc.

Source p. 71 Sentinel 23 March 1912

Style Mansard

Architect Henry M. Francis (main building)

Exterior wall fabric Brick, etc.

Outbuildings (describe) Various buildings

Other features _____

Altered Yes Date various dates

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre x

Approximate frontage 1,600+

Approximate distance of building from street

0' varies

Bill Chittick and

6. Recorded by Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Rodney Wallace

Original use Paper Mill

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	<u>x</u>	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	<u>x</u>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This mill was built ^{by} ~~for~~ Rodney Wallace for the Fitchburg Paper, Co. The mill has very excellent Mansard style architecture and was designed by Henry M. Francis. This paper co. ~~was~~ ^{has been} one of Fitchburg's major industries.

Fitchburg Paper Co. was started in 1869 and was the sole property of Rodney Wallace. The Company erected dwellings in the vicinity of its mills and in that measure and others showed its interest in the welfare and advancement of its people.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

Plans with Francis family

p. 16, 17 Sentinel, 23 March 1912

p. 71 Sentinel, 23 March 1912

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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location



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MHC Photo no. _____

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address River St.

Name Litton Industries/Fitchburg
Paper Co., Office Building
Present use Admn. Offices

Present owner Litton Industries

3. Description:

Date 1961

Source _____

Style Contemporary

Architect Carl Koch

Exterior wall fabric Concrete, glass, wood

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features Beautiful landscaping,
concrete & beams

Altered No Date _____

Moved No Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre 10+

Approximate frontage Extensive

Approximate distance of building from street

40'+

Bill Chittick and

6. Recorded by Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

7. Original owner (if known) Fitchburg Paper Co.

Original use Offices

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	<u>x</u>	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	<u>x</u>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

An extremely attractive office building. Won national award for its landscaping.
This is the finest modern building in Fitchburg by a noted architect, Carl Koch.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

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Area E

Form 512

Oak Hill Road

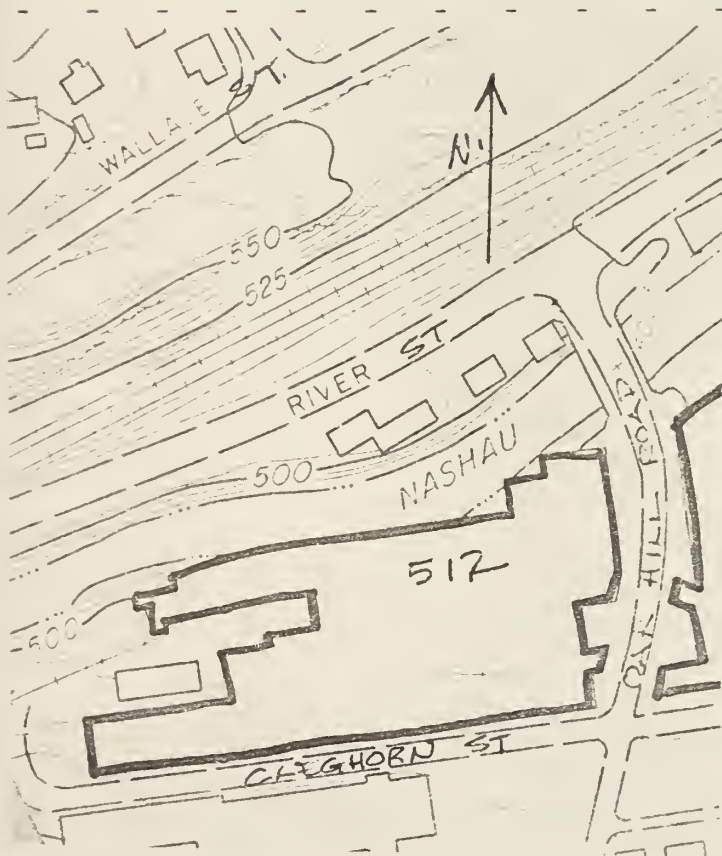


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MHC Photo no. _____

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts
Address Oak Hill Road
Name James River Mass., Converting Div.
was DeJonge Mill
Present use Industrial

Present owner James River, Mass.

3. Description:

Date c. 1892

Source Style

Style _____

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features _____

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre x

Approximate frontage _____

Approximate distance of building from street

0'

Bill Chittick and

6. Recorded by Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Louis DeJonge (?)

Original use Paper Coating Mill

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Industrial

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input type="checkbox"/>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This was the DeJonge Mill which did paper coatings for the Fitchburg paper industries.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

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1 Oak Hill Road



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Form no.

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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
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other buildings. Indicate north.



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MHC Photo no. _____

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 1 Oak Hill Road

Name Anwelt/Seth Thomas

Present use Industrial

Present owner Anwelt

3. Description:

Date 1885-1915?

Source Style - some dates on building

Style Industrial

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) Various attached buildings

Other features _____

Altered Yes Date various

Moved No Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre 224,623 sq. ft.

Approximate frontage 320' on Oak Hill Rd.
584' on Cleghorn St.

Approximate distance of building from street

0' from both streets

Bill Chittick and

6. Recorded by Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____

Original use Mill

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/	_____	Science/	_____
The Arts	_____	settlement	_____	invention	_____
Commerce	_____	Industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Social/	_____
Communication	_____	Military	_____	humanitarian	_____
Community development	_____	Political	_____	Transportation	_____

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This is one of Fitchburg's major industrial buildings.

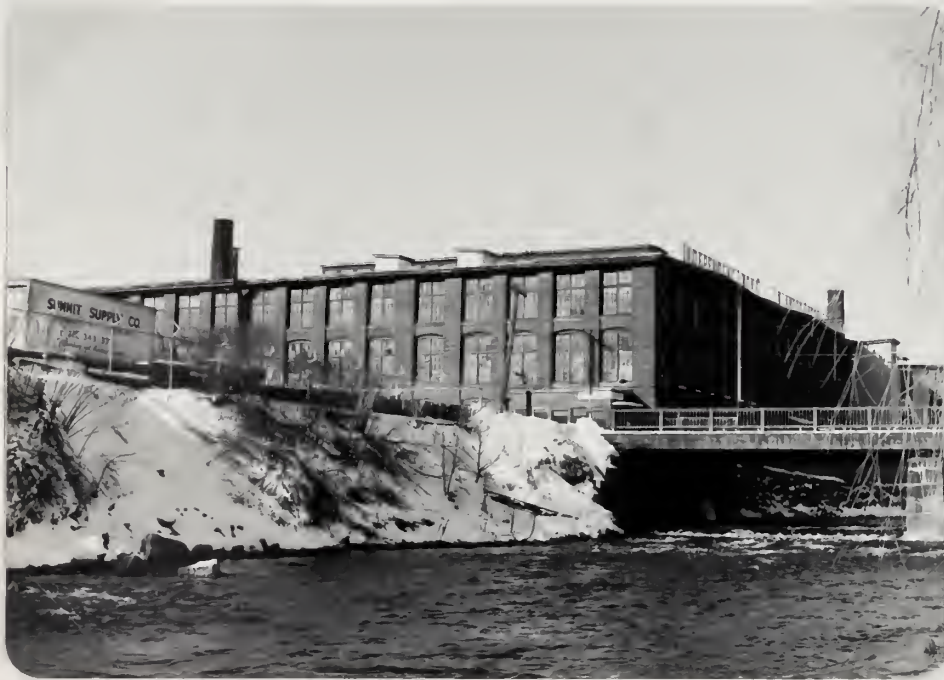
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Daniels Street



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1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address Daniels St.

Name Parkhill ^{Mfg.} Manuf. Co., Mill C

Present use Industrial, Sea Board

Folding Box Co.

Present owner Sea Board Folding Box Co.

3. Description:

Date c. 1885 and later

Source P. 32 Fitchburg of Today, 1894

Style _____

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) Various attached bldgs

Other features _____

Altered Yes Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre 156,764 sq. ft.
Approximate frontage 327' on Cleghorn St.
480' on Daniels St.

Approximate distance of building from street

0' from both streets

Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location



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USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Grant Yarn, Co. (?)
 Original use Mill
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	<u>x</u>	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	<u>x</u>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This was owned by the Parkhill Mfg. Co. which was the City's largest textile concern (1912). It was established in 1881. This building had been part of the Grant Yarn Co. which has 50,000 spindles, with George R. Wallace, President, and George P. Grant, Jr., Treasurer.

This mill was erected in 1885 for the manufacture of fine dress goods.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

p. 12, 32, Fitchburg of To-Day, 1894

p. ?, Sentinel, 23 March 1912

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320 River Street



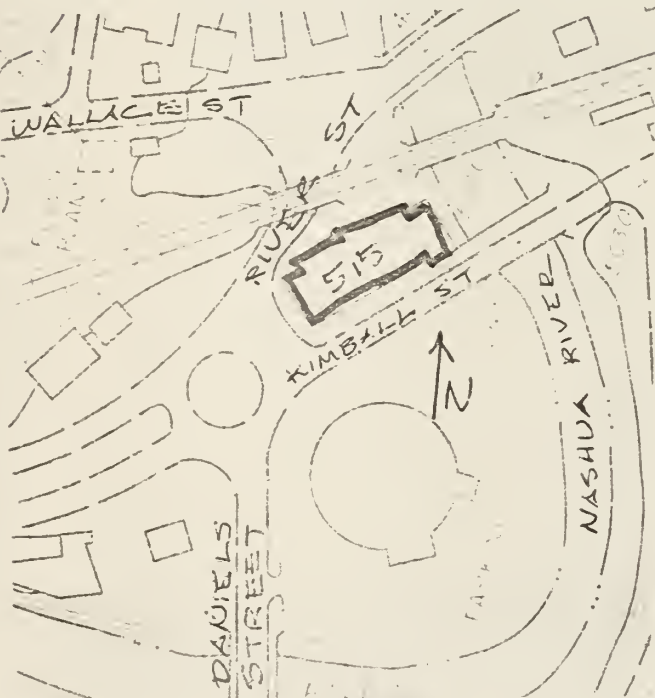
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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
in relation to nearest cross streets and
other buildings. Indicate north.



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USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 320 River St.

Name Aurinil Industries

Present use Industrial

Present owner Aurinil Industries

3. Description:

Date c. 1910

Source Style

Style _____

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features _____

Altered _____ Date _____

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size

One acre or less 13,385 sq. ft.
Over one acre _____

Approximate frontage 182' on Kimball St.

60' on Rotary

36' on River St.

Approximate distance of building from street

0' from Kimball St. and River St.

5' from the rotary

Bill Chittick and

6. Recorded by Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) _____
Original use Industrial _____
Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	<u>x</u>	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	_____				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This is a solidly build^d industrial building, typical of turn-of-the century industrial buildings. ~~There~~ is little or no loading or parking area.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

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River Street



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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address River St.

Name Fitchburg Yarn Co. was
Orwell Mills

Present use Mill

Present owner Fitchburg Yarn Co.

3. Description:

Date 1886

Source p. 65 Sentinel, 23 March 1912

Style Industrial

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) Several attached
buildings

Other features 2 towers

Altered Yes Date c. 1891 etc.

Smoke stack removed in 1976

Moved No Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre 6 ac.

Approximate frontage 692' on River St.

Approximate distance of building from street

30' - 100'

Bill Chittick and

6. Recorded by Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) The Orswell Mills
 Original use Mill
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	<u>x</u>	Social,	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	humanitarian	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____	Transportation	_____
Community development	<u>x</u>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

The Orswell Mills were erected in 1886 and the first spinning was done in May of that year. The founders of the Company were W.M. Orswell, president, and W.F. Stiles, treasurer. C.T. Crocker was president at the time of his death. The Company was a sound and strong Fitchburg industrial enterprise. In 1912 the plant was wholly operated by steam power from a 1500 h.p. engine. The mills are of brick construction, 4 stories in height, with a length of 517 ft. and a depth of 78 ft. They provide an area of 161,304 sq. ft. In 1912 there were 40,000 spindles and 350 persons employed. In May 1891 the original building was enlarged to nearly double its former size. In 1892 it was one of the largest plants of its kind in the country. Its products had a reputation for excellence. The tops of the towers have been removed.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

p. 65, Sentinel, 23 March 1912
 p. 12, 62, Fitchburg of T-Day 1894
 p. 20, Sentinel, 18 June 1892

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S. W. corner Sheldon Street and West Street



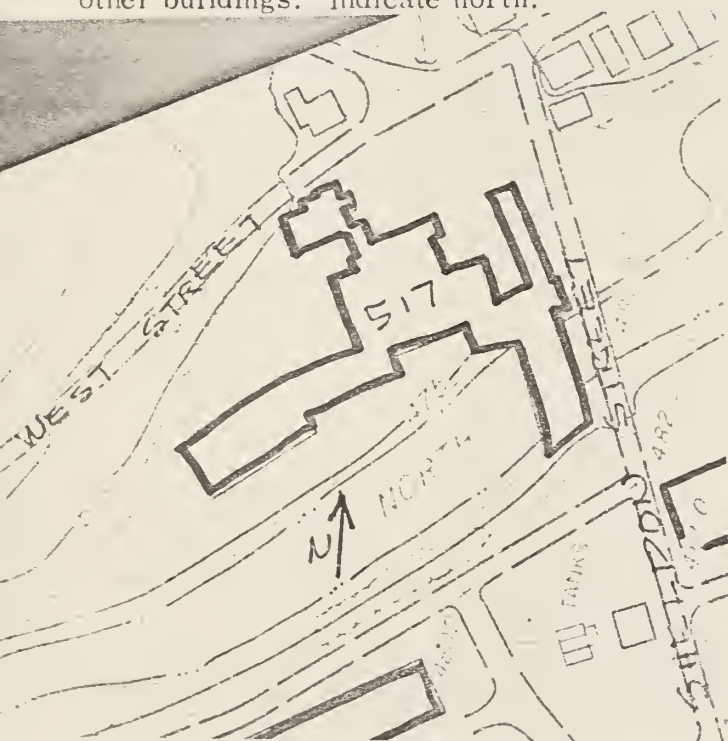
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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
in relation to nearest cross streets and
other buildings. Indicate north.



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MHC Photo no. _____

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address Sheldon St. and West St.

Name ~~S.W. Corey~~ S.W. Corey, Fitchburg Woolen Mills

Present use Mill

Present owner Fitchburg Woolen Mills

3. Description:

Date 1880's - 1930's ?

Source Style

Style _____

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Brick, asbestos shingle, concrete, etc.

Outbuildings (describe) _____

Other features _____

Altered Yes Date Various Dates

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ 182,240 sq.ft.
Over one acre
Approximate frontage 208' on Sheldon St.
216' on West St.

Approximate distance of building from street
0' from Sheldon St.

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Star Worsted Co.
Original use Mill
Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	<u>x</u>	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	<u>x</u>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

The Star Worsted Co. was incorporated in 1880. C.T. Crocker was president from reorganization in 1894 until his death in 1911.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

p. 85 Sentinel 23 March 1912
p. 46 Sentinel 18 June 1892

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Area E

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N. E. corner Nockege Street and Sheldon Street



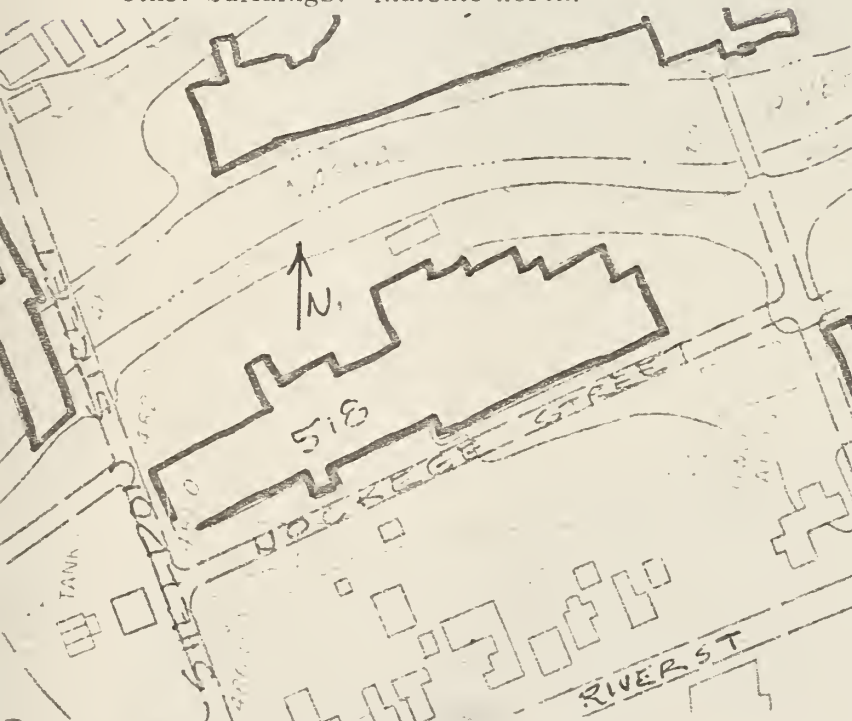
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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
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other buildings. Indicate north.



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MHC Photo no. _____

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts
Address N.E. corner Nocke St.
and Sheldon St.
Name Nocke Mills
Present use Industrial
Present owner Sanitoy
3. Description:
Date 1893
Source p. 63 Fitchburg of To-Day 1894
Style _____
Architect _____
Exterior wall fabric Brick, some clapboard
Outbuildings (describe) None
Other features Tower (top removed)
Altered _____ Date _____
Moved _____ Date _____
Lot size 3 ac. +
One acre or less _____ Over one acre _____
Approximate frontage 243' on Sheldon St.
700'+ on Nocke St.
Approximate distance of building from street
10' from both streets
Bill Chittick and
6. Recorded by Frank Garretson
Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.
Date March 1977

7. Original owner (if known) Nockege Mills
 Original use Mill
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration/	_____	Science/	_____
The Arts	_____	settlement	_____	invention	_____
Commerce	_____	Industry	<u>x</u>	Social/	_____
Communication	_____	Military	_____	humanitarian	_____
Community development	<u>x</u>	Political	_____	Transportation	_____

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

The Nockege Mills were established in February 1893 to manufacture print cloths. It was a finely equipped concern with buildings of brick, four stories high, and, like the Orswell Mills, were constructed with reference to the health and comfort of operatives as well as the utmost economy and convenience in the work of manufacturing. The main building is 325' x 80' with a boiler and engine room 80' x 55' with a 600 h.p. engine in 1894. In 1894 there were 20,000 spindles, 500 looms, and the capacity of 125,000 yards of print cloth per month. There were 300 operatives employed. It was under the same management as the Orswell Mills with Mr. W.M. Orswell, president and agent and Mr. W.F. Stiles, treasurer.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

p. 63 Fitchburg of To-Day, 1894

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River Street



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River Street



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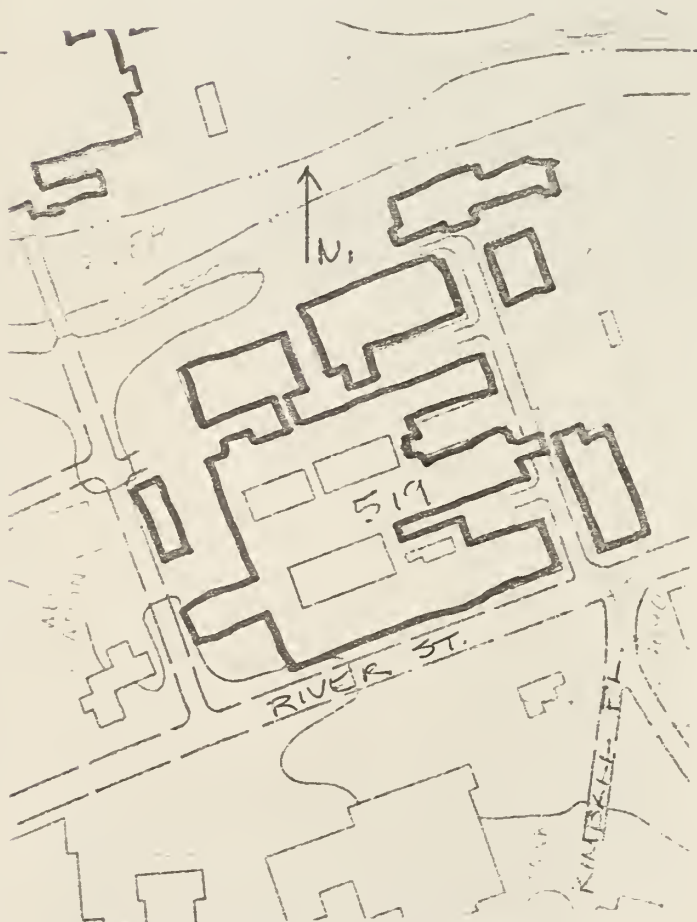
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MHC Photo no. _____

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address River St.

Name ^e Haywood Chair Co./Cutter Lat.

Iver Johnson Cycle and Arms Co.

Present use Industrial

Present owner Various ownerships, Included
Iver Johnson Arms & Cycle,

3. Description: John Fitch Realty Tr.,
Norman L. Pelletier,
V. Pelletier & Sons, Inc.

Date 1871

Source p. 345 Fitchburg in 1885 by
A. Mason

Style Industrial

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Brick, some wood
clapboard

Outbuildings (describe) Barns, sheds, etc.

Other features _____

Altered Yes Date various dates

Moved no Date _____

5. Lot size

One acre or less _____ Over one acre x

Approximate frontage 500'+ on River St.

Approximate distance of building from street

10'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and
Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Walter Haywood
 Original use Chair Manufacturing
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Industrial including Iver Johnson Cycle and Arms Co.

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	<u>x</u>	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	<u>x</u>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

In 1844 Walter Haywood (formerly of Gardner, a pioneer of the chair industry in America) with Leander P. Comee began the manufacture of chairs by machine in part of the Old Red Mill on West St. before moving to the new Water St. building owned by Alvah Crocker. This building burned out and Heywood started over in rented space when Crocker rebuilt on the same spot. In 1856 he opened a foreign trade with England, Europe, the West Indies, Africa, China and Japan. It was again burned out in 1870 with a loss of \$130,000 and 200 men out of work. Haywood was 66 at this time. He then purchased 9 acres on River St. and built a new plant. This was used by Walter Heywood Chair Mfg. Co. until about 1882. In 1892 it was bought by Iver Johnson for arms and cycle mfg. There were 500-600 employees in 1822.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

p. 345 Fitchburg in 1805, A. Mason
 p. 13 Fireside Legends
 p. 12, Fitchburg of To-Day 1894
 p. 221, 222, 355 The City and the River
 p. 26, Sentinel, 18 June 1892, also Sentinel, 23 March 1912

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Main Street



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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
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other buildings. Indicate north.



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USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address Main St.

Name Fitchburg Yarn Co.

Present use Industrial

Present owner Caravella

3. Description:

Date 1907?

Source Owner

Style Industrial

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) Attached

Other features Tall smoke stack

Altered Some Date ?

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre 279,024 sq.ft.

Approximate frontage 230' on Main St.

Approximate distance of building from street

100+

Bill Chittick and

6. Recorded by Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Fitchburg Yarn Co.

Original use Mill

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	<u>x</u>	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	<u>x</u>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This is one of the largest mills in the city. It was built for Fitchburg Yarn Co. in 1907. By 1912, 450 persons were employed. Wiley & Foss were the contractors for construction. The mill was in operation just 6 months after ground breaking. 2,000,000 bricks, 1,000,000 feet of lumber, 2,000 barrels of lime, 18 carloads of cement, 500 tons of steel, and 7,000 tons of granite. The building is 3 stories in height and 450' x 106'. There were 50,000 spindles and an engine of 1500 h.p. Officers were Jesse P. Lyman, President, George P. Grant, Jr., Vice President and General Manager, H.I. Wallace, Treasurer. The mill was of the best design and construction of its day, comfort of employees was considered.

→ were used in construction.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

p. 10, Sentinel, 23 March 1912
p. 22, Sentinel, 23 March 1912

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Area E

Form 521

Main Street



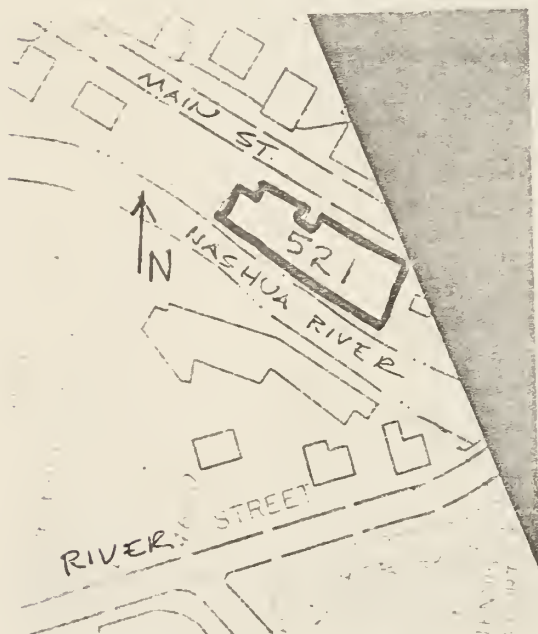
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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts
Address Main St.
Name Red Mill (Pitts Mill)
Present use Warehouse
Present owner Comiskey Electric
3. Description:
Date 1813, 1876
Source p. 152 The City and the River
Style _____
Architect _____
Exterior wall fabric Brick, etc.
Outbuildings (describe) None
Other features _____
Altered Yes Date _____
Moved _____ Date _____
5. Lot size:
20,020 sq. ft.
One acre or less _____ Over one acre _____
Approximate frontage 321'
Approximate distance of building from street 5'
Bill Chittick and
6. Recorded by Frank Garretson
Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.
Date March 1977

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) John and Joseph Farwell and Nehemiah Giles
 Original use Mfg. of Cotton
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Many industrial uses

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<u> </u>	Conservation	<u> </u>	Recreation	<u> </u>
Agricultural	<u> </u>	Education	<u> </u>	Religion	<u> </u>
Architectural	<u> x </u>	Exploration/	<u> </u>	Science/	<u> </u>
The Arts	<u> </u>	settlement	<u> </u>	invention	<u> </u>
Commerce	<u> </u>	Industry	<u> x </u>	Social/	<u> </u>
Communication	<u> </u>	Military	<u> </u>	humanitarian	<u> </u>
Community development	<u> x </u>	Political	<u> </u>	Transportation	<u> </u>

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This was built for John and Joseph Farwell in 1813 and called the Red Mill or Roll-stone Mill with Nehemiah Giles next door to their scythe shop for the manufacture of cotton. They sold it for a profit in 1816. Later it was called the Pitts Mill. In 1876 the major portion of the mill was constructed (date on building).

10. Bibliography and or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

p. 152 The City and the River

pp. 197-198, Fitchburg, Mass., Past and Present, 1887

p. 270, History of Worcester Co., Mass., 2 vols., 1889

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356 Broad Street



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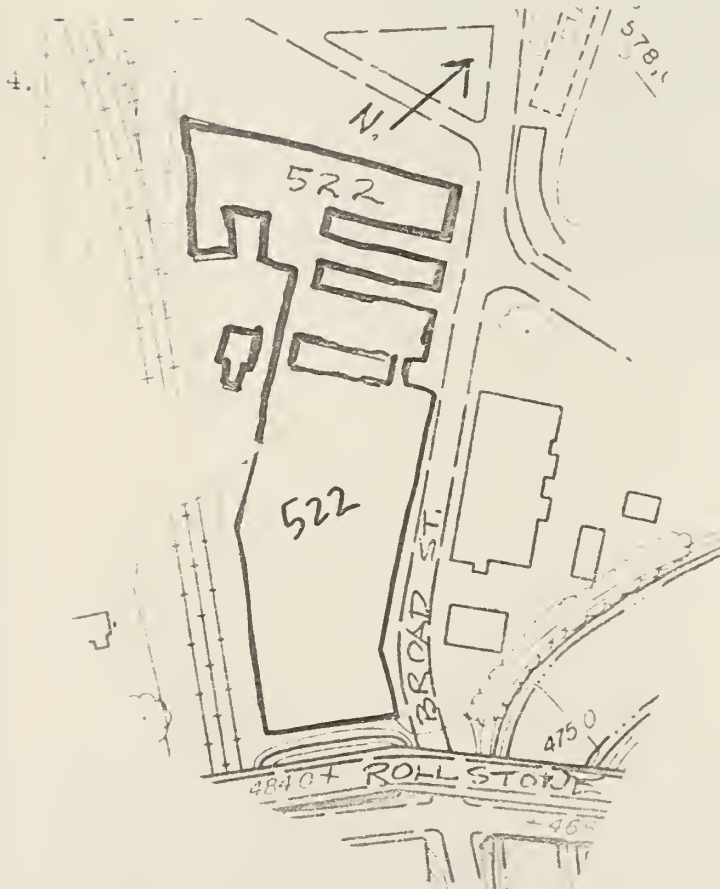
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USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 356 Broad St.

Name Parkhill Mill A

Present use Industrial

Present owner Bernard E. Powers, etc.

3. Description:

Date Various 1850's etc.

Source Style

Style _____

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Brick, some other

Outbuildings (describe) Various, most at-
tached

Other features Smoke stack

Altered Yes Date various times

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre x

Approximate frontage 600'

Approximate distance of building from street
0'

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and
Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Alonzo Davis?

Original use Manufacturing

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration/	_____	Science/	_____
The Arts	_____	settlement	_____	invention	_____
Commerce	_____	Industry	<u>x</u>	Social/	_____
Communication	_____	Military	_____	humanitarian	_____
Community development	<u>x</u>	Political	_____	Transportation	_____

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This was the mill of Alonzo Davis for his chair business which stopped in 1877. Later it was part of the Parkhill Manufacturing Co. In 1912 Parkhill Mfg. Co. was the most widely known cotton industry in the city and was the largest employer with 3 mills. The company organized in 1880. In 1887 the plant of the Fitchburg Woolen Mill (Mill B) was bought. In 1889 the Cleghorn Mill (Mill C) was added. The Cleghorn mill was started in 1885 by Arthur H. Lowe, one of the principal promoters of the Parkhill Co. John Parkhill was born in 1825 in Scotland. In 1850 he came to Adams, and married Margaret Cleghorn. In 1879 he moved to Fitchburg and began his own business. He bought the Alonzo Davis chair factory and took in Arthur Lowe as a partner who was his son-in-law. The three mills housed 4,000 looms and 20,000 spindles. 1,000 people were employed in 1892.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

p. 31, 32, Fitchburg of To-Day, 1894
 Sentinel, 23 March 1912
 p. 354, 355, The City and the River
 p. 25, Sentinel, 18 June 1892
 p. 215 Fireside Legends

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650 Water Street



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2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address 650 Water Street

Name Arden Mill

Present use Industrial

Present owner Great American Chemical

3. Description:

Date c. 1880
p. 199, Fitchburg, Mass., Past
Source and Present, 1887

Style _____

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) Several newer buildings

Other features _____

Altered Major additions Date 1885
4 + 4 story added Date 1886

Moved _____ Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre x

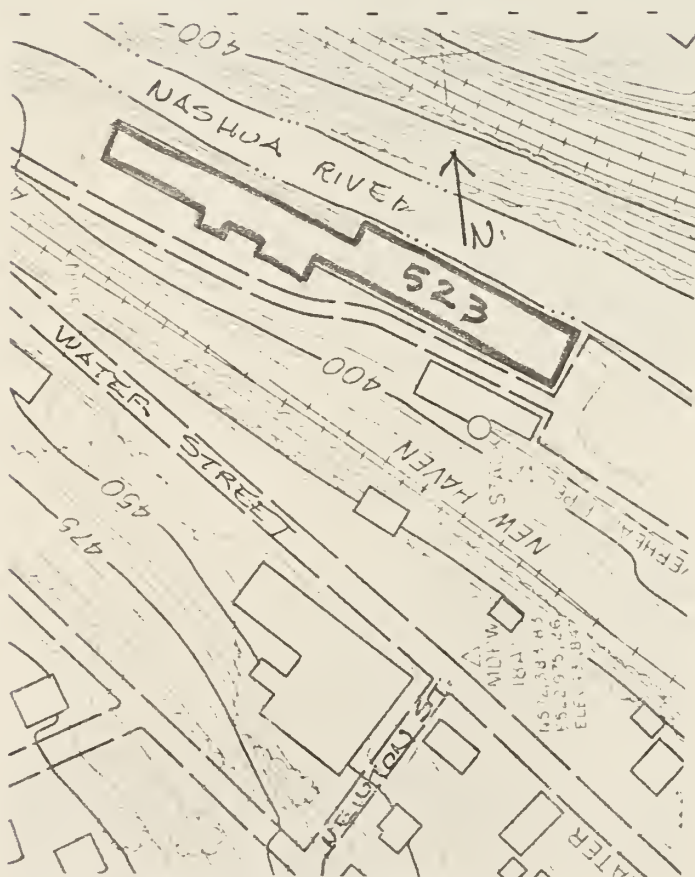
Approximate frontage Extensive on Water St. and Bemis Rd.

Approximate distance of building from street
100'+

Recorded by Bill Chittick and Frank Garretson

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Date March 1977



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USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

7. Original owner (if known) Fitchburg Worsted Co. built present mill

Original use Mill

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates _____

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration/	_____	Science/	_____
The Arts	_____	settlement	_____	invention	_____
Commerce	_____	Industry	<u>x</u>	Social/	_____
Communication	_____	Military	_____	humanitarian	_____
Community development	<u>x</u>	Political	_____	Transportation	_____

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This is the approximate site of Samuel Slater's Woolen Factory (1830 map). A brick mill was built here in 1823 for the manufacturing of cotton. It was bought by Samuel Slater in 1830. What plans Slater had will never be known for he died 5 years after his purchase. The name Slater's Mill persisted until the 1850's. Later it was rebuilt and owned by Fitchburg Worsted Co., and the American Woolen Co. after 1900. Now it is owned by Great American Chemical Co.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

p. 154, City and the River
 p. 68, Fitchburg of To-Day, 1894
 p. 46, Sentinel, 18 June 1892
 p. 199, Fitchburg, Mass., Past and Present 1887, Emerson
 p. 27, Sentinel, 23 March 1912

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Form 524

Duck Mill Road



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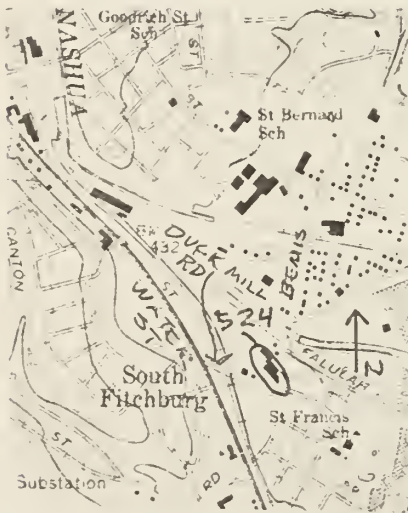
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524

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
in relation to nearest cross streets and
other buildings. Indicate north.



1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address Duck Mill Road

Name Duck Mill

Present use Industrial

Present owner Azarian Molded Plastics

3. Description:

Date 1848

Source p. 12 Fitchburg of To-Day, 1894

Style Industrial brick, pitched roof

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) Yes, several bldgs.

Other features Smoke stacks

Altered Yes Date c. 1890?

Moved No Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre 10+ac.

Approximate frontage 315' on Duck Mill Rd.
659' on Bemis Rd.

Approximate distance of building from street
80' from Duck Mill Rd.
0' from Bemis Rd.

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and
Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

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USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

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7. Original owner (if known) George Blackburn
 Original use Duck Mill
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Mill

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<input type="checkbox"/>	Conservation	<input type="checkbox"/>	Recreation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Agricultural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Education	<input type="checkbox"/>	Religion	<input type="checkbox"/>
Architectural	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/>	Science/ invention	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Arts	<input type="checkbox"/>	Industry	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Social/ humanitarian	<input type="checkbox"/>
Commerce	<input type="checkbox"/>	Military	<input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Political	<input type="checkbox"/>		
Community development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Architecturally this is the best and earliest textile mill in the Fitchburg vicinity.

In about 1842 or before, the firm of Blackburn and Clark erected a shoddy mill which some 10 years later burned to the ground. In its stead, Mr. George Blackburn erected the present mills. Since 1852 to 1892 it only manufactured duck. The mills were run wholly by water (125 h.p.) One hundred people were employed. Every kind of duck was manufactured in all widths from 18 to 122 inches. The policy of the mill owners was liberal; labor was paid better than in most of the factories, and naturally there was a better class of help. The proprietors had another mill at Ashburnham which was run in connection with this where the yarn was spun and brought here to be woven.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

p. 12, Fitchburg of To-Day, 1894

p. 19, Sentinel, 18 June 1892

p. 197-98, Fitchburg, Mass., Past and Present, William Emerson

Vo. I, p. 271, History of Worcester Co., Mass. 2 vols., J.W. Lewis & Co., 1889

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Form 525

Intervale Road



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E	525

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number VIII

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
in relation to nearest cross streets and
other buildings. Indicate north.



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USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

- Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts
Address Intervale Road
Name Wallace Murray (Simonds Saw and Steel)
Present use Industrial

Present owner Wallace Murray
- Description:
Date 1930's
Source Stanley F. Chittick
Style Art Deco
Architect The Austin Co., Chicago
Exterior wall fabric Brick, etc.
Outbuildings (describe) Some Quonset huts, etc.
Other features No windows

Altered Small alterations Date _____
Moved No Date _____
- Lot size:
One acre or less _____ Over one acre 39+ac.
Approximate frontage Extensive
Approximate distance of building from street
100'+
Bill Chittick and
6. Recorded by Frank Garretson
Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.
Date March 1977

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Area E

Form 526

Newport Street



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E

Form no.

526

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address Newport St.

Name Parks Cramer Co.

Present use Industrial

Present owner Parks Cramer Co.

3. Description:

Date 1904

Source p. 28 Sentinel, 23 March 1912

Style Industrial

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Brick

Outbuildings (describe) None

Other features Excellent landscaping

Altered No Date _____

Moved No Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre 3+ac.

Approximate frontage 134' on Newport St.?

Approximate distance of building from street

150'+

Bill Chittick and

6. Recorded by Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

7. Original owner (if known) Shirreffs Worsted Co.
 Original use Mill
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Parks Cramer Co.

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	<u> </u>	Conservation	<u> </u>	Recreation	<u> </u>
Agricultural	<u> </u>	Education	<u> </u>	Religion	<u> </u>
Architectural	<u> x </u>	Exploration/ settlement	<u> </u>	Science/ invention	<u> </u>
The Arts	<u> </u>	Industry	<u> x </u>	Social/ humanitarian	<u> </u>
Commerce	<u> </u>	Military	<u> </u>	Transportation	<u> </u>
Communication	<u> </u>	Political	<u> </u>		
Community development	<u> x </u>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

This was built for the Shirreffs Worsted, Co. in 1904. The plant was 2 stories of brick 225' x 65' and a one story weave shed 200' x 100' with 100 looms and 250 employees. The officers were George R. Wallace, President, and John Shirreffs, Treasurer and Manager.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)
 p. 28, *Sentin.* 3 March 1912

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Form 527

Falulah Road



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E

Form no.

527

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number X1

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location in relation to nearest cross streets and other buildings. Indicate north.



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address Falulah Road

Name Falulah Paper Co.

Present use Industrial

Present owner Great American Chemical Co.

3. Description:

Date 1884 etc.

Source p. 74, Fitchburg of To-Day, 1894

Style Industrial

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Brick, Clapboard, Metal,
etc.

Outbuildings (describe) Many barns & sheds

Other features _____

Altered Yes Date various dates

Moved No Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less Over one acre x

Approximate frontage Extensive

Approximate distance of building from street

50'+ varies

Bill Chittick and

6. Recorded by Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

(over)

7. Original owner (if known) Snow Paper Co.
 Original use Paper mill
 Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Industrial

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration/ settlement	_____	Science/ invention	_____
The Arts	_____	Industry	<u>x</u>	Social/ humanitarian	_____
Commerce	_____	Military	_____	Transportation	_____
Communication	_____	Political	_____		
Community development	<u>x</u>				

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

The original buildings were erected in 1884 by the Snow Paper Co. and operated by this company for one year. In 1887 it was bought by Albert N. and Seth L. Lowe and called Falulah Paper Co. Manilla wrapping paper was made at first and soon manilla box and toy board. The second year coating was added. This was the only mill in the country in 1892 making and coating box-board paper. In 1890 a machine room was added. The original buildings were of wood. In 1892 a brick building 200' x 65' 2 stories and basements was constructed. In 1892 they had 225 h.p. steam engine and 125 h.p. from water.

Earlier on this site was Richardson's scythe shop and a scythe factory run by Alpheus Kimball and Sons.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

p. 35, Sentinel, 18 June 1892
 p. 65, Fitchburg, Mass., in 1901
 p. 74, Fitchburg of To-Day 1894
 p. 345 Fitchburg in 1885, by A. Masor
 Speech by J. Calvin Spaulding, 20 May 1907 to the Fitchburg Historical Club.

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Area E

Form 528

Falulah Road



FORM B - BUILDING

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E	528

2. Photo (3x3" or 3x5")
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Photo number X1

4. Map. Draw sketch of building location
in relation to nearest cross streets and
other buildings. Indicate north.



DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE
USGS Quadrant _____

MHC Photo no. _____

1. Town Fitchburg, Massachusetts

Address Falulah Road

Name City of Fitchburg Sewerage
Treatment Plant

Present use Vacant

Present owner City of Fitchburg

3. Description:

Date 1914

Source Plan that was in building

Style Mediterranean

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric Stucco with roman
tile roof

Outbuildings (describe) Shed

Other features Various tanks, etc. for
sewerage disposal, most have
been filled in

Altered Yes Date 1976

Moved Fire in 1977 Date _____

5. Lot size:

One acre or less _____ Over one acre x

Approximate frontage ?

Approximate distance of building from street

Not near street

6. Recorded by Bill Chittick and
Frank Garretson

Organization Fitchburg Historical Comm.

Date March 1977

7. Original owner (if known) City of Fitchburg

Original use Sewerage Treatment Plant

Subsequent uses (if any) and dates Vacant as of 1975

8. Themes (check as many as applicable)

Aboriginal	_____	Conservation	_____	Recreation	_____
Agricultural	_____	Education	_____	Religion	_____
Architectural	<u>x</u>	Exploration/	_____	Science/	_____
The Arts	_____	settlement	_____	invention	<u>x</u>
Commerce	_____	Industry	_____	Social/	_____
Communication	_____	Military	_____	humanitarian	_____
Community development	<u>x</u>	Political	_____	Transportation	_____

9. Historical significance (include explanation of themes checked above)

Arthur H. Lowe was chairman of the sewerage commission which established this plant.

This plant used an innovative technique and ^{was} visited by people from all over the world.

10. Bibliography and/or references (such as local histories, deeds, assessor's records, early maps, etc.)

p. 103, Sentinel, March 1912

